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SUBJECT: BADAWI RERELEASE RUMORS UNTRUE

On December 5, liberal privately owned weekly al-Wasat, in a front page story, reported that unidentified sources had told the paper that the Political Security Organization (PSO) had once again released convicted USS Cole bombing conspirator Jamal al-Badawi. Emboffs approached the relevant authorities, who denied the story and immediately escorted emboff to an empty office, where Badawi was then brought in. He was not handcuffed and appeared to be in good health. Emboff ascertained that it was Badawi but did not engage him in conversation.
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